New Castle County Septic Elimination Program Fact Sheet

- Community's initial action is to survey the residents with a preliminary petition to establish level of interest if 70% of residents have interest in a septic elimination project, the petitions should be returned to NCC for further action.
- Once interest level is established, NCC will proceed as funds are available for a feasibility study. Study includes establishing a potential service area, preliminary design and cost estimate.
- NCC will hold a public meeting to present the conceptual design and project cost estimate.
 During or shortly after the meeting, NCC will distribute petitions to the community with project cost share:
 - O Support is needed from at least 70% of property owners. Support from 70% of the service area will commit 100% of the property owners within the petitioned area.
 - All petitioners must connect within one year of written notification that sewer is available
 - All property owners pay project fees within 90 days of written notification that sewer is available
 - Payment required even if not connecting
 - o Sewer service fees assessed even if not connecting
 - o Individual petitions are not shared publicly
- Septic Elimination Project Funding
 - o Petitions are valid for 2 years
 - o If project is introduced into capital program, funds would be in next fiscal year budget for detailed design and construction
 - o Design and construction process is multi-year process
 - If cost exceeds 20% of project cost share reflected on petition, community may retract petitions
- Septic Elimination Project Example
 - o Initial project cost estimate: \$1,000,000
 - \circ Total Cost Per Property (for 25 property owners) = \$1,000,000/25 = \$40,000
 - o Project Fee for each property= 70% of \$40,000 = \$28,000
 - o If Project Fee increases \$5,600, property owners still pay
 - o If Project Fee increases more than \$5,600, property owners may retract petition
 - o Project cost estimate does not include:
 - Septic System Abandonment
 - Lateral Connection (whether gravity or pump)
 - Sewer Connection Fees